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To Whom It May Concern:

We at Memorial Hospital, Fremont are pleased to participate in and support the proposed Onecommunity Rural Health Care Project. This initiative, designed to serve Northeast Ohio Region, has been created in response to the FCC announcement for a Rural Health Care Pilot Program. Memorial Hospital's participation in the OneCommunity Rural Health Care Project would allow better patient care for individuals in the communities we serve via comprehensive "real time" medical information sharing delivered electronically to the point of care.

Memorial Hospital is one of the largest employers in Sandusky County and the predominant health care provider in the greater Fremont community. Memorial Hospital has prided itself in the ability to bring advanced technology and skilled physicians to its service area. Memorial Hospital's leadership in technology adoption will soon put us in the top five percent of the community hospitals around the **country**. The Onecommunity Rural Health Care Project would extend this technology capability to include the confidential sharing of radiology images, laboratory results and medication management across the health care continuum.

Memorial Hospital is a member of Community Care 5 (CC5), which is a five-hospital limited liability company that works together to enhance services and reduce costs in the communities they serve. All five of these hospitals will be included in the Onecommunity Rural Health Care Project. All of the CC5 Hospitals are locally owned and controlled non-profit facilities.

With ever increasing demands for technology and rising healthcare costs, hospitals need to advance the ways they conduct business. Along with increased technology come increased costs. The CC5 Hospitals, along with other health care networks, are continually looking for ways to enhance and streamline services. Onecommunity would allow Memorial Hospital, along with its other CC5 Hospitals, the opportunity to tap into high-speed intranet technology at a fraction of the cost.

Thank you *so* much for your consideration of Onecommunity Rural Health Care Project.

Sincerely,

John A. Gorman, CEO